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Review of the Ventron/Velsicol Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Work Plan

**Raymond Basso, Chief
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Addressees (see below)

This is to request your review of the attached Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) Work Plan for the Ventron/Velsicol Superfund Site in Sparta, New Jersey. The RI/FS Work Plan outlines activities to be performed and reports to be delivered that characterize the nature and extent of contamination at the site and provide alternatives for site remediation. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Energy (NJDEPE) has commented on the draft work plan and received a response from the potentially responsible party's (PRP's) contractor, these comments and responses are also enclosed for your review.

The 40 acre Ventron/Velsicol site operated as a chemical-processing plant from 1929 until 1974. For the majority of the 45 year operating period, untreated mercury-containing waste effluent was discharged into Berry's Creek. In addition, approximately 160 tons of process waste was buried on site. The site is heavily contaminated with mercury, other metals, and PCBs.

As a state lead site, NJDEPE has requested that comments be provided as soon as possible. Please submit your comments to Rich Puvogel of my staff on or before April 3, 1993. If you have any questions, you may call Rich at X-9836. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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